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1. KOREA-RELATED PORTION OF FORD-MIKI JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT TO PRESS AUGUST 6, 1975 IS: QUOTE ...(PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT) AGREED THAT THE SECRUTIY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, WHICH IN TURN IS NECESSARY FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN EAST ASIA, INCLUDING JAPAN. THEY NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAINTAINING AND PRESERVING THAT PEACE. AT THE SAME TIME THEY STRONGLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH WOULD PROCEED IN ORDER TO EASE TENSIONS AND EVENTUALLY TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION. IN CONNECTION WITH THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL CONCERNED WOULD RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE NOW IN EFFECT. UNQUOTE

2. IN HIS WHITE HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE OF AUGUST 6,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB RESPONDED TO:

QUOTE QUESTION: WHAT IS MEANT IN THE PARAGRAPH CONCERNING THE UNITED NATIONS AND KOREA EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT ALL CONCERNED WILL RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE. WHAT IS MEANT BY THAT?

MR. HABIB: AS YOU MAY KNOW, THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT WE AND OTHERS HAVE MADE, INCLUDING THE JAPANESE, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE POSSIBLE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IF THE FUNDAMENTAL TERMS INVOLVED IN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ARE PRESERVED.

WHAT THE REFERENCE THERE QUITE CLEARLY IS, IS TO THE NECESSITY FOR PRESERVING THE STRUCTURE WHICH MAINTAINS THE ARMISTICE OR A STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE NOW IN EFFECT. IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN DISMANTLING A STRUCTURE WHICH PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR AN ARMISTICE UNLESS THAT PROVISION IS MADE FOR MAINTAINING THE BASIC PURPOSES AND, OF COURSE, MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE. UNQUOTE

3. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA, YOU MAY NOTE THAT FROM OUR ANALYSIS OF DRAFT HOSTILE RESOLUTION IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN NORTH KOREAN POSITION. NORTH KOREANS HAVE SPECIFICALLY AND IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL PUBLICLY REJECTED THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN OUR RESOLUTION. AS A GENERAL POINT, USG BELIEVES ISSUES OF KOREAN PROBLEM MUST BE SETTLED BY ROK AND NORTH KOREA THEMSELVES. YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT THAT OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN THE UN EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE WILLINGNESS OF THE US AND THE ROK TO MEET WITH THE OTHER SIDE. IN CONTRAST, HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND SUBSEQUENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NORTH KOREAN COMMENT INDICATE CONTINUED UNWILLINGNESS TO INCLUDE ROK IN DIALOG. REFERENCE TO FOREIGN TROOPS IS CLEARLY DIRECTED AGAINST US MILITARY PRESENCE IN ROK, WHICH IS A BILATERAL MATTER UNDER THE US-ROK MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF UTILITY OF HIGHER-LEVEL OR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIONS TO GOP ON KOREA ISSUE. MAW

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